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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KYEONG ET AL.

Examiner

Kevin Y. Kim

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16-30 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,8-10,31,32 and 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7,11-15 and 33-35 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3,8-10,31,32,36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gifford et al (6,836,507) in view of Kitade et al (US 6,134,262, cited by Applicant).

Claims 1,8, 31 and 36.

Gifford et al discloses a space-time receiving system where a chip-level beamforming algorithm is applied (see Fig. 7), comprising;

a digital beam forming network (112) for forming beams of signal received through a plurality of antennas by spatial-filtering the signal to thereby generate a spatial-filtered signal,

a demodulation means (120 – 132) for demodulating the spatial-filtered signal to generate demodulated signal,

correlating means (102) in the demodulation means for estimating a fading channel based on a pilot channel signal,

a hard limiter (116)

a reference generation means for generating a reference signal (130) based on the output signal from the correlation means (102) and

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a weight vector estimating means (124) for generating weight vector based on the reference signal (130) and the received signal (113B) for providing the weight vector to the digital beam forming network.

Gifford et al fails to teach "Doppler frequency estimating means" and "correlation length selection means" based on the "Doppler frequency estimating means." Kitade et al teaches a receiving circuit (see Fig.1) having a Doppler frequency prediction means (104) based on pilot signal and a correlation length changing means (105) for changing the correlation length based on the result of the Doppler frequency prediction means for the purpose of more accurately detecting the pilot signal. See col. 6, lines 50-52. Thus, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to include a Doppler frequency prediction means and a correlation length changing means to the receiver of Gifford et al in order to better detect a pilot signal, as taught by Kitade et al.

Furthermore, providing a plurality of identical receivers with time offset, i.e., a Rake receiver is well known in the art, as admitted in Fig.1 of the present application. Thus, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a plurality of receivers as disclosed by Gifford et al and modified by the teaching of Kitade et al in a Rake receiver structure to benefit from diversity reception.

Claims 2, 9 and 32.

The use of MMSE algorithm and a recursive least square algorithm are well known for estimating weight vectors. See page 3 of the application.

Claims 3, 10.

Fig.5 of Kitada et al shows the Doppler frequency estimation based on previous fading channel information stored on buffers (602) and current fading channel information.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 4-7, 11-15, 33-35 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claims 16-30 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Y. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-3039. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM --5PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kenneth Vanderpuye can be reached on 571-272-3078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Kim".

KEVIN KIM
PATENT EXAMINER